GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TEESTA BARRAGE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to tide over the financial difficulties in completing the Teesta-Barrage Project in North Bengal;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the status of the project as on date indicating the likely date of its completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The Government of India has provided Rs. 141.244 crore to the Teesta Barrage Project from 1996 till date under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). Central Assistance under AIBP is provided to the States based on the physical/financial progress, utilization certificate and matching provision of budget by the States (c) As reported by the State Government of West Bengal, the Teesta Barrage Project was proposed to be executed in 3 phases. The 1st phase of the project is again subdivided into three stages. The first stage is further sub-divided into two sub-stages. The work of the sub-stage-I of stage-I of the 1st phase of the project is under execution at present. The present status of progress of works of different components of the project is given as under:

SI. No.	Components of the Project	Percentage of Progress		
		Barrage	Main Canal	Distributaries
1.	Teesta Barrage,Mahananda Barrage & Dauk Barrage	100%	-	-
2.	Teesta Mahananda Canal	-	100%	85%
3.	Mahananda Main Canal	-	100%	63%
4.	Dauk Nagar Main Canal	-	85%	33%
5.	Teesta Jaldhaka Main Canal	-	83%	12%
6.	Nagar Tangon Main Canal	-	Nil	Nil

The target date of completion of different components of the project under lst sub-stage of the 1st stage of the 1st phase is March,2010 as reported by the State Government.